

63D CONGRESS,
1ST SESSION.

Union Calendar No. 11. H. R. 7207.

[Report No. 41.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

AUGUST 1, 1913.

Mr. RAKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

AUGUST 5, 1913.

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Granting to the city and county of San Francisco certain rights of way in, over, and through certain public lands, the Yosemite National Park, and Stanislaus National Forest, and certain lands in the Yosemite National Park, the Stanislaus National Forest, and the public lands in the State of California, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby granted to the city and county of San
4 Francisco, a municipal corporation in the State of California,
5 all necessary rights of way along such locations and of such
6 width, not to exceed two hundred and fifty feet, as in the

Portsmouth, N.H., February 4, 1910.

Hon. Jacob H. Gallinger,
Senate Chamber,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

The following resolution has been adopted by the
Graffort Club of Portsmouth, N. H.:-

"WHEREAS: The Hetch-Hetchy Valley is one of the grandest and most important features of the great Yosemite National Park belonging to the ninety millions of people composing the American public;

WHEREAS: This valley is threatened with destruction by those seeking a water supply for San Francisco and the use of the park by the public would thereby be seriously restricted;

WHEREAS: The precedent thus established would destroy the integrity of our whole national park system;

WHEREAS: The need for great public playgrounds is becoming vastly greater instead of diminishing;

WHEREAS: Eminent engineers report that this proposed invasion of a national wonderland is wholly unnecessary and that San Francisco can get an abundance of pure water elsewhere;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we are earnestly opposed to such a needless local use of a priceless national possession in which the entire citizenship is interested, and we petition the President and the Secretary of the Interior to revoke the revocable permit now existing and urge all Senators and Representatives, especially those composing the Public Lands Committees, to defeat any bill which proposes to confirm any such invasion; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior and our Representatives in Congress."

Very respectfully,

Anne J. Howard

Secretary.

San Francisco, February 5, 1910.

Hon. Frank P. Flint
U. S. Senator.

Dear Sir:-

The Hypatia Women's Club of San Francisco has voted to request that the permission granted by the Government to San Francisco to take water from Lake Eleanor and the Hetch-Hetchy Valley be not revoked, for the following reasons:-

1st. San Francisco has no other available supply of pure water that is sufficient.

2nd. Under the permit Lake Eleanor is to be first developed.

3rd. The Yosemite Park is an immense tract, while the Hetch-Hetchy Valley, where a reservoir is proposed, is a very small space not over a mile wide and not more than three or four miles long and is often flooded for long periods during storms and high water and the making the same as a permanent reservoir rather beautifies than injures this small piece of land.

4th. Yosemite Park of which this valley is so minute a portion, is a vast domain of almost inaccessible mountains, lakes and streams at a very high altitude and largely a region of perpetual snow. It is not, or never will be visited by large numbers of people at any one time.

5th. This vast supply of pure water is running away to the ocean while San Francisco is suffering for a supply of pure water.

6th. The individual who adores every bush or tree that has ever become a familiar object and who would sacrifice the rights and needs of

a great city for pure water to a more aesthetic desire to permit the slightest modification of scene, is irrational and unjust.

7th. This matter has been fully discussed in every phase at Washington, D. C., for many years before the permit was granted and Government experts have fully reported to President Roosevelt's Administration favorably.

8th. After complete campaigns in San Francisco, the vote to issue bonds for such a water supply was substantially unanimous.

9th. It is not at all denied that at all times since this permit was first applied for, that its chief and open opponent has been the Spring Valley Water Co., which has a monopoly of the present undesirable and inadequate water supply of San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted by

Edith Webster.

Secretary Hypatia Women's Club,
San Francisco,
California.

Protest Against Diversion of Waters from Lands Requiring Irrigation

Adopted at Livingston, California, May 30, 1913

WHEREAS, A determined effort is being made by the city and county of San Francisco to secure the passage of a special act of congress granting to said city and county of San Francisco certain rights and titles to certain waters of the Tuolumne river; and

WHEREAS, The said city and county of San Francisco has declared its intention of diverting such waters to points outside of the San Joaquin Valley for uses other than those of irrigation and reclamation, if such rights and titles are granted; and

WHEREAS, Reports of United States army engineers show decidedly that the entire run-off supply of the watershed to the San Joaquin Valley is necessary for the Valley's proper agricultural and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, It has been clearly shown and proven through the medium of competent engineers that San Francisco can secure an adequate supply of water for its own use from other sources, where such water is not needed for the development of its contiguous territory; and

WHEREAS, The question of conserving all of the waters of the San Joaquin Valley watershed for use within said Valley is one of paramount importance to the very life of every county and community within said Valley; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2,000 citizens of Merced and Stanislaus counties assembled at Livingston bridge this 30th day of May, 1913, for the purpose of dedicating said bridge and the California State Highway to the use of the public, hereby take cognizance of this attempt on the part of San Francisco to divert certain waters of the Tuolumne river for other uses than those of irrigation and reclamation, and that we herewith protest strongly against such proposed diversion, and call upon the senators and representatives of the state of California in congress, and all other members of congress having the interest of conservation and irrigation at heart, to unite to protect the agricultural and commercial interests of the San Joaquin Valley, and thereby assure the proper development of the semi-arid lands of said valley, as well as make permanent the development of the natural resources of the state. Be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to all senators and representatives of the state of California in congress, and that they be urged to use every legitimate means to enlist support in a movement directed against the passage of the Raker Hetch Hetchy bill, or any other measure that may be introduced into congress having for its purpose the granting to San Francisco, or any other city located outside of the San Joaquin Valley, any rights or titles to any waters of the Tuolumne river, or the waters of any other stream which forms a part of the San Joaquin watershed, wherein such rights or titles, if so granted, would give authority for the diversion of waters to any point outside of the San Joaquin Valley where they would be lost to the irrigation and commercial interests of said Valley. Be it further

RESOLVED, That this assemblage goes on record as favoring federal aid to the efforts of the citizens of the San Joaquin Valley to reclaim their semi-arid lands and make them fruitful, such aid to be given through the medium of scientific water conservation works and the storage of the flood waters of the streams of the San Joaquin watershed in reservoirs and basins along said streams as they come down into the San Joaquin Valley from the Sierra Nevada mountains; such waters so conserved and stored to be made available to the use of the people of the San Joaquin Valley in the irrigation and reclamation of 5,000,000 acres of valuable lands now laying in a semi-arid state, because of the insufficiency of the natural flow of the streams of said watershed.

Passed by a unanimous vote.

E. S. ELLIS,
President of the Day.

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The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society

Tribune Building
New York City

June 25, 1913.

Hon. George E. Chamberlain,
Chairman of the Public Lands Committee,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the American Scenic and Historic
Preservation Society which has already made formal record
on the subject by resolution and by representatives,
we respectfully and earnestly protest against the granting
by Congress to the City of San Francisco of any portion
of the Yosemite National park!

This wonderful region was set aside for the preser-
vation of great natural monuments for the use of all the
people and to give it away to a corporation is not only
a wrong to the rest of the nation, but would mark a return
to the commercial treatment of public lands from which
the reservation policy has rescued them. We believe that
on a full consideration of the question not only Califor-
nia but the whole country would vote against the project.

The effort to show that the Hetch Hetchy is the only
abundant source of good water for the city has failed.
Official representatives of San Francisco confessed be-
fore the Senate Public Lands Committee that the city could

get such a supply anywhere along the Sierra if it would pay for it. No demonstration has been made that this cannot be done. The project is not only objectionable as involving the destruction of one of the most beautiful valleys in the world and one of the very few camping places in the marvelous Park, (half of which must then be given over to the authority of the city), but it is wholly unnecessary as a means of supplying the city with good drinking water.

Indeed, the object of the scheme is not so much water for drinking purposes as water for power. Once admit the principle that the National Parks are to be at the service of such schemes, there will be an end to the great benefits, present and prospective, for which the reservations were created. For this very reason, many years ago Theodore Roosevelt opposed the commercial invasion of the Yellowstone Park by parties from Cooke City. In this matter Congress is the trustee of all the people.

We beg of your Committee not to be misled by the magnitude of the scheme or the vigorous persistence of its advocates. No real emergency exists that should require the furtherance of the bill at the present session. The interests of the people cannot be properly presented on such short notice. We respectfully urge that action be postponed till December.

Yours very truly,

George F. Kunz
President.

PURPOSES: To preserve from destructive invasion our National Parks—Nature's Wonderlands. To enlist the support and co-operation of all organizations and individuals interested in such preservation and to publish and circulate information to accomplish these objects.

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San Francisco, June 27, 1913.

Hon. George E. Chamberlain,
Senate Chamber,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

The Yosemite National Park is not only the greatest and most wonderful national playground in California, but in many of its features it is without a rival in the whole world. It belongs to the American people and in world wide interest ranks with the Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. It embraces the head waters of two rivers- the Merced and the Tuolumne. The Yosemite Valley is in the Merced basin; the Hetch Hetchy Valley, the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, and the Tuolumne Meadows are in the Tuolumne Basin. Excepting only the Yosemite Valley, the Tuolumne basin in its general features is the more wonderful and larger half of the Park.

The Hetch Hetchy Valley is a wonderfully exact counterpart of the great Yosemite, not only in its cliffs and waterfalls and peaceful river, but in the gardens, groves, meadows and camp grounds of its flowery park-like floor.

At a recent session of Congress a most determined attack was made by the City of San Francisco to get the right to use the Hetch Hetchy Valley as a reservoir site, thus depriving ninety millions of people of one of their most priceless possessions for the sake of saving San Francisco dollars.

As soon as this scheme became manifest, public-spirited citizens all over the country entered their protests, and before the session was over, the Park invaders saw that they were defeated, and permitted the bill to die without bringing it to a vote, so as to be able to try again.

Ever ready to take advantage of every political change, a bill having the same destructive purpose has been re-introduced at this session of Congress and is now pending before the Public Lands Committee, and its supporters are speciously urging that it should be rushed through at this special session as an emergency measure when in reality nothing like an emergency exists.

San Francisco may be in immediate need of an increased supply of water but her own engineers admit that the present supply can be more than doubled by adding to present nearby sources and that is the first and most economic plan of development before the city eventually goes to the Sierra for additional water.

The advisory Board of Army Engineers "is of the opinion that there are several sources of water supply that could be obtained and used by the city of San Francisco and adjacent communities to supplement the nearby supplies as the necessity develops. From any one of these sources the water is sufficient in quantity and is, or can be made, suitable in quality."

We are preparing data based on the reports of the Army Engineers which will demonstrate that San Francisco can obtain abundance of pure water from other sources than the Tuolumne Hetch Hetchy.

So important a bill should not be rushed through Congress without mature consideration and time allowed for its opponents to be heard. Anything less would be unjust to the American people, therefore in behalf of all who appreciate our mountain parks and believe that they should be preserved, we call on you to aid us in postponing consideration of this destructive bill until the regular session of Congress, for we have not even seen a copy of the bill now being considered. Ever since the establishment of the Yosemite National Park by Act of Congress, October 8th, 1890, constant strife has been going on around its boundaries and is likely to go on as part of the universal battle between good and evil however much its boundaries may be broken or wild beauty destroyed.

When this application was first made over ten years ago the Secretary of the Interior then holding office emphatically denied the right saying in part:

"Presumably the Yosemite National Park was created such by law because of the natural objects, of varying degrees of scenic importance, located within its boundaries, inclusive alike of its beautiful small lakes, like Eleanor, and its majestic wonders, like Hetch Hetchy and Yosemite Valley. It is the aggregation of such natural scenic features that makes the Yosemite Park a wonderland which the Congress of the United States sought by law to preserve for all coming time as nearly as practicable in the condition fashioned by the hand of the Creator - a worthy object of national pride and a source of healthful pleasure and rest for the thousands of people who may annually sojourn there during the heated months."

In behalf of all of the people of the nation we ask your aid in putting an end to these assaults on our great national parks and to prevent this measure from being rushed through before it can be brought to the attention of the ninety millions of people who own this park.

Faithfully yours,

John Muir
E. T. Parsons
Wm. F. Wade
R. W. Leach

Widows and Orphans and Mutual Aid Associations, Inc.,
OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

San Francisco, November 24th, 1913

Hon.

Charles S. Thomas

United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

We, the undersigned officers of the San Francisco Fire Department Widows and Orphans and Mutual Aid Associations, Inc., in behalf of said Associations most earnestly ask for your vote and support in favor of giving to our beloved City of San Francisco the right to use the much needed water supply, and the only supply adequate to meet its present as well as its future needs.

Gentlemen, we ask your favorable vote on this bill as a matter of justice, humanity and fair play, as the present supply is absolutely inadequate to meet even the present demands. We pray you therefore to grant us the use of the waters of the Hetch Hetchy Valley and the Tuolumne River.

Respectfully submitted,

CAPTAIN WILLIS E. GALLATIN, Jr.,

President.

Geo. F. Brown

Secretary

Captain Engine Co., No. 39,

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THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON DC

WE THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT OF THE CALIF FEDERATION OF WOMENS CLUBS
REPRESENTING A MEMBERSHIP OF SIX THOUSAND WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN FRANCISCO
AND VICINITY RESPECTFULLY CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY
OUR ORGANIZATION IN RECENT CONVENTION AT SANTAROSA CALIF BEGGING YOUR
FAVORABLE ACTION UPON THE RAKER HETCH HETCHY BILL WHICH YOU ARE NOW
CONSIDERING WE BELIEVE THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD BE GIVEN THE UTMOST
WEIGHT AMONG ALL OF THE MASS OF ENDORSEMENTS OF AND PROTESTS AGAINST
THE HETCH HETCHY BILL FOR THE REASON THAT THE WOMEN OF THIS DISTRICT
HAVE BEEN FACE TO FACE WITH THE WATER PROBLEM OF SAN FRANCISCO FOR MANY
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IT HAS BEEN BEFORE US IN OUR HOMES AND IN THE MEETINGS OF OUR VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND WE HAVE GIVEN IT CONSCIENTIOUS STUDY WE HAVE PASSED THESE RESOLUTIONS WITH ACKNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AMONG OUR MEMBERS ARE MANY WHOSE HOMES IN SANFRANCISCO ARE WITHOUT SEMBLANCE OF FIRE PROTECTION AND WHOSE HEALTH IS ENDANGERED THROUGH THE NECESSITY OF MAKING DOMESTIC USE OF WATER COMING FROM QUESTIONABLE SOURCES WE KNOW THE THOROUGHNESS WITH WHICH SANFRANCISCO HAS STUDIED THIS QUESTION WE STAND UPON THE FINDINGS OF THE FEDERAL COMMISSION OF ARMY ENGINEERS APPOINTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT TO STUDY OUR PROBLEM WE HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBLE INJURY OF CITIZENS OF OTHER SECTIONS AND BELIEVE THAT THE RAKER BILL IS A JUST AND HONORABLE BILL PROTECTING PERSONS WHO HAVE ANY INTERESTS IN THE WATERS FLOWING THROUGH THE HETCH HETCHY WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THOSE PERSONS WHO IN OUR OPINION ARE MISGUIDED IN ADVANCING FINE DRAWN DISTINCTIONS AS TO WHETHER THE HETCH HETCHY IS MORE PICTURESQUE AS IT IS THAN WILL BE WHEN ITS FLOOR IS COVERED BY A BEAUTIFUL LAKE

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL ALLOW THIS QUIBBLE TO ENTER INTO A QUESTION OF THIS KIND WHILE SANFRANCISCO IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF WATER WE WANT WATER WITH JUSTICE TO ALL AND WE BEG TO AGAIN RESPECTFULLY CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR FINDINGS AS EXPRESSED IN ON OUR RESOLUTIONS

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PETITION AGAINST THE SO-CALLED HETCH HETCHY BILL (H. R. 7207)

To the Senate of the United States:

The undersigned respectfully and earnestly petition your honorable body against the enactment of the bill now pending (November, 1913) granting to the city of San Francisco water and power rights in the Hetch Hetchy Valley and in other portions of the Yosemite National Park. In view of the opinion of the Army Board that there are several other sources of supply for the city and that the determining factor is one of cost, we believe the resulting destruction of the beauty of this valley and the commercial invasion of this great national park to be needless, and against enlightened public policy and the interest of the whole people.

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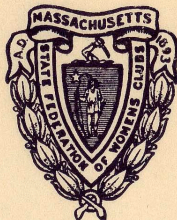
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The Hetch Hetchy Valley

Resolutions unanimously adopted
by the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Whereas: The Hetch Hetchy Valley contains some of this country's most wonderful scenery and most stimulating resources for recreation; and

Whereas: This valley belongs to all the people and is used and enjoyed by the East as well as the West; and

Whereas: It is not, as has been asserted, "an inaccessible region of barren granite of no possible use to humanity except through the production of water and power", but it is on the contrary visited each summer by large parties of women as well as men who find health and inspiration as campers upon its fertile floor of matchless beauty; and

Whereas: Better transportation facilities with hotels and permanent camps which might readily be supplied by the Federal Government would give to far larger numbers the benefit of this sublime recreation ground; and

Whereas: The use of the Hetch Hetchy Valley as a municipal water supply for San Francisco would destroy its use and enjoyment by the whole people as a park and recreation ground; and

Whereas: With growing population the areas for public playgrounds are diminishing while the need for them is increasing; and

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Whereas: This proposed action by San Francisco would afford a precedent for handing over any or all of our National Parks and other public lands to private interests; and

Whereas: This action has been pronounced by eminent engineers as wholly unnecessary since San Francisco has other sources of abundant water supply, some even more available than Hetch Hetchy;

Now therefore be it Resolved:

That we, the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs assembled in the Town Hall of Whitman and representing 262 Clubs, earnestly oppose this needless and irrevocable sacrifice by the whole nation of an invaluable possession and we petition the President and urge our senators to defeat any bill which has for its object any such invasion of Hetch Hetchy or the cession of any public land whatever to any private or corporate enterprise unless such enterprise be shown without question by competent and impartial judges to be absolutely necessary to the public welfare.

Signed

President

Mrs. George W. Perkins

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Arthur A. Hibbard

25 November, 1913.

WHEREAS, San Francisco has been, for twelve years, appealing to the Federal government for such rights in the high Sierras as will enable it to provide the people of the Bay counties with a pure and adequate supply of water, and

WHEREAS, the Hetch Hetchy region offers the only source to which San Francisco can look for such an uncontaminated supply as will provide for not only the immediate but the future needs of its people, and

WHEREAS, San Francisco already owns outright more than half the land in the floor of the Hetch Hetchy valley which will be flooded by the proposed reservoir, and has, in good faith, spent one and one-half million dollars in the development of its proposed municipal water system, and

WHEREAS, all that San Francisco asks of the Federal government is the right to construct a dam and the grant of the use, as a reservoir, of part of the Hetch Hetchy valley, which will, in no wise, be impaired in its natural beauty by the creation of a lake, and

WHEREAS, the natural beauties of the Hetch Hetchy region will be made more easily accessible to thousands of nature lovers by the building of roads and trains which San Francisco will construct into this entire region, and

WHEREAS, human consumption is the highest use to which the Hetch Hetchy water can be put, in that it will safeguard the health and supply the present needs of a community of 800,000 people, and the future needs of many times that number; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Augusta, Hallowell, & Gardner, Central Labor Union, that we most earnestly go on record as approving of San Francisco's petition to Congress for the grant of certain rights in the Hetch Hetchy region, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we declare our firm conviction that human needs are paramount to sentimental objection of so-called "nature lovers" who profess to see, in San Francisco's project, a desecration of nature, although the work of San Francisco in the high Sierras will, in reality, bring this wonder region closer to the real lovers of nature, and will in no wise impair the grandeur of the scenery there to be found. And, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we regret the campaign of misrepresentation that has been made in the effort to prevent San Francisco from obtaining that pure and adequate supply of water to which every community should be entitled. And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we petition the Senate of the United States to grant to San Francisco the rights for which it has so long appealed, and which are embodied in the Raker bill heretofore passed by the House of Representatives of the United States.

F. B. Tolson

President.

John H. Bursnell
Secretary.

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SANFRANCISCO COUNCIL NO. 615 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMPRISING 1500 MEMBERS IN REGULAR MEETING ASSEMBLED UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSE BILL PROVIDING FOR A HETCHHETCHY WATER SUPPLY FOR SANFRANCISCO WE NEED PURE MOUNTAIN WATER FOR OUR GREAT AND GROWING METROPOLIS OUR MEMBERS HAS SUMMERED IN THE YOSEMITE AND KNOW THAT THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL WILL NOT DEPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THE VALLEY BUT THE PLANS PROPOSED WILL ~~ENHANCE~~ ENHANCE ITS NATURAL GRANDEUR THE PRIMARY OBJECT THAT WE AS SANFRANCISCANS HAVE IS TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT PURE DRINKING WATER FOR OUR CITIZENS THE COMMERCIAL OBJECTIONS PUT FORWARD ARE BUT A SUBTERFUGE RAISED BY MISGUIDED NATURE LOVERS

SANFRANCISCO COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Hon. A. J. Gronna,

Washington, D. C.

The undersigned organization^f composed of Swedish residents of the City of San Francisco, appeals to you as Senator from the State of North Dakota, where a large number of men and women of our nationality are numbered among your constituents, to lend your active support to the bill granting San Francisco necessary water rights in the Hetch Hetchy Valley. It is absolutely essential to the future welfare of the city that the bill be passed when it comes before the United States Senate in December.

Our need is imperative. No sound arguments have been advanced against devoting this water supply to its highest possible use, to provide the people of a large city with a pure and adequate supply of water, and to insure the city against any possible recurrence of a water shortage which now threatens.

Hetch Hetchy is the only adequate available water supply to which San Francisco can turn. Suggested alternative supplies are either inadequate or involve an expenditure of money which the city cannot at this time meet, due to the heavy financial burden the city is now bearing as a result of restoring public buildings and public works destroyed in the fire of 1906.

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The construction of the proposed dam will not mar the beauty of the valley, but will rather enhance it by placing there a beautiful lake and building roads which will make accessible a region now visited only by a few hardy camping parties.

We earnestly request you to help us.

The World's Fair Committee of the
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PETITION

To the Senate of the United States:

WE, the undersigned, citizens of California, ask your favorable action on the bill giving San Francisco the right to use the water of the Hetch Hetchy reservoir site.

The Tuolumne river in the Hetch Hetchy valley furnishes the only available water supply not under private ownership. San Francisco owns three-fourths of the land in that valley in fee simple and it only requires your favorable action on this bill to let us utilize our ownership of that land so that it will procure for us a water supply without which the future of San Francisco is endangered.

San Francisco's need of this water supply is urgent and imperative. Without it the city is throttled; its health menaced; its development blocked.

The Government of the United States has completed the Panama canal. One of the principal benefits looked for from this magnificent enterprise was the development of the western edge of the United States, of which San Francisco is the metropolis. No benefit can accrue to San Francisco through the Panama canal if there is withheld from it a water supply capable of sustaining the health and life of the community.

Senators of the United States, San Francisco asks you for simple justice; for fair play. You have already granted to Seattle, to Portland and to Los Angeles the use of Federal reserves which gave those cities the water supplies they needed.

The need of no city ever has been so great as the need of San Francisco in this emergency. We ask your favorable vote on this bill, which will give San Francisco the only available water supply adequate for its present and future needs.

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